

Special forms of local elections such as recall elections

Out of North Carolina's 550-plus municipalities and local government units, only a small number allow these types of special elections:

- **Initiative:** An election by which the voters can compel the local governing body to make certain types of local law changes
- **Referendum:** A question posed directly to the voters to decide on a local government matter
- **Recall:** A mechanism to remove municipal officeholders (there is no procedure for recall of elected officials in North Carolina, generally – the municipalities and units below are the exception to that rule)

The specifics of any of these types of procedures will depend on the laws and local authority that allow that municipal to have such a procedure. For more information about the procedures for any of the municipalities below, contact the municipality, the local County Board of Elections, or the State Board of Elections office.

Municipality/Unit	County	Initiative	Referendum	Recall
Aberdeen	Moore			X
Asheville	Buncombe	X	X	X
Belhaven	Beaufort			X
Cajah's Mountain	Caldwell			X
Carrboro	Orange			X
Chapel Hill	Orange			X
Chapel Hill-Carrboro Schools	Orange			X
Durham	Durham			X
Foxfire Village	Moore			X
Greensboro	Guilford	X	X	X
Hickory	Catawba	X	X	X
Lewisville	Forsyth	X	X	
Lumberton	Robeson	X	X	X
Morganton	Burke	X	X	X
Oak Island	Brunswick			X
Pinebluff	Moore			X
Pleasant Garden	Guilford			X
Raleigh	Wake	X	X	X
Randleman	Randolph			X
River Bend	Craven	X	X	X
Spindale	Rutherford	X	X	
Statesville	Iredell			X
Topsail Beach	Pender			X
Troutman	Iredell			X
Wilmington	New Hanover	X		
Winston-Salem	Forsyth	X	X	X
Wrightsville Beach	New Hanover	X		